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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 1 April 1953

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: Report of Trip to California Re ARTICHORE and Related Matters.

1. Between 24 March and 30 March 1953, the writer visited Los Angeles and San Francisco, California for the purpose of interviewing individuals for the ARTICHORE program and in addition interviewing certain individuals at the request of the Interrogation and Research Branch. Furthermore, the trip was to be used to brief Recruiting and Contact Officers for certain possible future requirements of the ARTICHORE program and the program of the Polygraph Branch of the Security Office.

2. In connection with the above, the writer spent Wednesday, 25 March and Thursday, 26 March 1953 at Los Angeles. During the day at Los Angeles, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] or a number of hours who is being considered for the GS-13 slot [REDACTED] in the ARTICHORE Project. The writer also interviewed several individuals for the Technical GS-9 slot in connection with the ARTICHORE field project at [REDACTED] and several other individuals in connection with the Polygraph Project and at the specific request of [REDACTED]

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3. The writer furthermore examined a great number (at least twenty) of case histories of individuals held in the recruiting office at Los Angeles in connection with both the ARTICHORE and Polygraph programs and briefed recruiting officers at Los Angeles on the requirements and needs of both programs.

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4. For the record, the writer wishes to state that [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Contact Office was extremely helpful and courteous in arranging the various interviews and making all the necessary contacts. The writer also greatly appreciated the fine assistance of [REDACTED] of the same office.

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5. On Friday morning, 27 March 1953 the writer flew to San Francisco from Los Angeles and through previous arrangements made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the writer was met at the airport by one of their [REDACTED] in connection with recruitment for ARTICHORE and the Polygraph programs.

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[REDACTED]

A proved exceptionally courteous and helpful in connection with the above problems. *A* was briefed on the ANTICHOME and Polygraph recruitment requirements and he and the writer went through numerous case histories in this connection. He agreed that he would maintain a careful watch for possibles (particularly a reserve in case *A* did not join the Agency). He also promised to study all possible sources in connection with the desired language specialists as required by the Polygraph Branch.

A 7. The writer talked with *A* from approximately 2:30 AM until about 4:00 PM in the afternoon on Friday, 27 March 1953 and thereafter broke off contact with him since his work for the Agency was not to be discussed with any individuals on the West Coast (by agreement *A* with *A* and *A* at Washington).

A 8. On Saturday morning, 28 March the writer talked with *A* and *A* of the San Francisco Contact Office for approximately four hours. The writer presented the requirements for both the ANTICHOME and Polygraph Branch to these gentlemen and both assured the writer that a careful survey would be made of all sources with a view toward finding the required personnel. In addition, *A* and the writer examined a great number of case histories in *A* files in this connection but none were immediately suitable to either program.

9. As in Los Angeles, the individuals contacted by the writer in the San Francisco area were extremely courteous and helpful and promised immediate assistance in the problems presented to them.

12. Attached are brief comments on various individuals interviewed by the writer in connection with the ARTICHOKER and Polygraph programs. The writer will handle the cases of and as soon as all personnel papers in these cases are processed, will personally handle the cases of and both of whom the writer interviewed at the specific request of

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7 January 1953

OUTLINE OF TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS AND DETROIT

1. A. Reason for trip -- talk to _____ and

C his associate.

C B. Ascertaining future interest in work.

C C. Examine physical setup of _____ and _____ at

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B D. Find out if _____ could carry out experimental work and any interests, if possible.

C E. Obtain from _____ names of individuals of interest to us.

C F. Renew discussions with _____ at Detroit and see if he still maintains interest.

C G. Examine _____ physical plant and determine if it is suitable for experimental program for ARTICHOKE.

C H. Obtain information, details, names, etc. from

2. A. Discuss each of above in detail.

3. A. Present personal views relative above, future ideas.

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A. Submit tentative proposals for:

1. Continued experimentation and assistance to

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2. Set up full-scale project with possible use of

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at Detroit with

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